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A Gem Cannot Be Polished Without Friction, Nor A Man Perfected Without Trials."----*Chinese Proverb*

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President's Message September, 2010

I can not believe how fast 2010 is going by, here we are in September, three more months and we start another year. I hope 2010 has treated you all well. I am still trying to keep in touch with what's going on with all the events which can be a challenge and I haven't been attending as many club meetings or functions as I would like. But I still enjoy the ones I have been able to attend and the best part are the programs and all your Show-N-Tells and now the auctions being held at meetings

June was enjoyable, attending the Livermore Valley Coin Club BBQ held at Steve Kramers' home where there was plenty to eat and the "Slab" toss with a long duel between Steve Kramer and Irene Carrrillo with Steve taking the prize. Then there was the Alameda Coin Show and it was great to see Don Barsi out and about. Nice going Don, keep up the good work!

July had me at the Modesto Coin Club Show, a two day event. And the Diablo Numismatic Society held their picnic which I understand was great, I was unable to attend. However I was able to go to the Delta Coin Club picnic where they celebrated Syd Kass's 90th birthday and was thrilled to see both Nancy and Mike Stanley. Along with all the great food and visiting with old friends, there was the traditional egg toss.

The NOR-CAL IX Coin Show was held Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st at the Vallejo Elks' Lodge in Vallejo, California. The Vallejo Numismatic Society was the host club and they did a great job. Thanks to all who attended and assisted during the show, it is truly appreciated. We now have a new location for the 2011 NOR-CAL show which will be held on Saturday, July 30th and Sunday, July 31st at the Veterans' Hall in Vallejo, California. I will again be the Bourse Co-ordinator and dealer applications should be out by end of the year. The Vallejo Numismatic Society will again be the host club.

August was a busy month, attending and helping out at the Fairfield Coin Club Show and then the following weekend attending and the helping out at the two day Fremont Coin Club Show. And then the very next Saturday, I helped Irene Carrillo celebrate her mother's 95th birthday.

So far September is a slow month, attending the Diablo Numismatic Society meeting in preparation of their up coming coin show in October and was treated to Pizza, Then attended the Delta Coin Club's Annual Auction meeting and I will be attending Fremont Coin Club "Hot Dog Night". As you can tell coin collectors love to eat!

Now for the results of the 2010 "Ron Miller Medal Award". We received eight (8) letters for a total of eleven (11) nominations, the most ever received in a year. There were several letters nominating the same persons, so we had a total of seven (7) persons placed in nomination and voting took place at the Nor-Cal Show on Sunday, August 1st. The 2010 Miller Medal recipients will be Irene Carrillo and myself. Irene and I are both honored and elated to be receiving this award which will be presented at the Fairfield/Vallejo Joint Christmas Dinner to be held on Saturday, December 4th. We hope to see you there to celebrate this honor with us. Note: Since we were both nominated, we were not allowed to vote, in accordance with the Miller Medal rules. I would like to thank all who took the time to submit letters of nomination and request that you continue to do so next year.

Just a reminder that NCNA prints a coin show list, a free service to the numismatic community, listing is updated quarterly. If your club has an upcoming show send information early to: NCNA, Fred G van den Haak, P. O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484 or e mail to fredvdh@gmail.com

As you can see there are many ways to get involved and support your local coin club. Just join and participate. You just can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. Hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other upcoming club shows or functions. As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis

Harry W. Davis, President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

For thirty years, I have editorialized in these 'Mintmaster's Quill' on a ready roster of issues and insights, and as the Founder of our Association, the late Denis N. Hooker, once remarked "most of the time he is damn right'. Through these three decades, I have expounded and advocated; yet, with this 'Quill', I shall react.

Recently, in two separate conversations, two of my most respected and revered numismatic, coin hobby, compatriots, real and ready foot soldiers in the trenches, stated each is tired, done, and finished, the combination of personal demands and the demands of service to and with our hobby have taken their toll. They both state the cruelest of conclusions: *'it is no longer fun'*.

For nearly forty years, since my embryonic beginning in 1974 with the Vallejo Numismatic Society through those famous short days as an American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor and now concluding term as California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President, with all those late meeting evenings, long weekends typing NCNA HEADS AND TALES, and the succession of trips to the post office boxes and printers, all through it----*all through my teaching career which paralleled my numismatic, coin hobby, career*----never has such cruelty been heard: *'it is no longer fun'*.

Those words ring in my mind. Those words speak of exhaustion, of disrespect, of being used, and of just simply being done. While all of us, in various times and degrees, may conclude the same, and as any mature adult has long learned, 'nothing lasts forever', it is still shock and surprise to hear this from two who are, or once were, the stalwarts of our hobby, from the local level to the national level.

What Prompted This? I Answer: *'Burnout'*.

When I began my teaching career, back in 1977, one of the warning and fear to those so new that they still did not know how to take roll or operate a film projector----*remember those 16mm films you saw in high school biology?*----was 'burnout', that tired, finished, and done condition. Education lost many to 'burnout', and now are hobby may lost, forever, *two of its finest*. Equally, while this 'Quill' speaks of *two of its finest*, others have expressed like comments.

Unlike teachers who have their famous rejuvenating and recuperating Summer Vacations, our hobby for its devoted and diligent advocates and workers has no build-in vacation times. Ask anyone who has been an editor for a monthly newsletter or the refreshment coordinator or the Webmaster or collects the dues and issues the new membership cards.

'Burnout' does not come from simply of being tired, finished, and done; rather, it has its origin in the complete lack of gratitude. As the ancient Roman writer, Cicero once remarked, ***'Gratitude Is Not Only The Greatest Of Virtues, But The Parent Of All Others'.***

Continuing, for three decades my main theme in and with these 'Mintmaster's Quill' has been the whole issue of gratitude, and its children: respect, recognition, and reward. Now, *two of its finest* have concluded *'it is no longer fun'*, even while each has honors covering walls and lining shelves.

Concluding, the fault here is the lack of appreciation, and as one once remarked *'God Gave You A Gift of 84,400 Seconds Today, Have You Used One To Say 'Thank You'?*

Finally, some might retort differently, and some might remark other factors caused this. Some might say I am writing melodramatic. Some could reply even 'who cares'. Yet, the fault is before us: *too much we have taken for granted, and too little we have given in gratitude*. Now, *two of its finest* have stated *'it's no longer fun'*. Our hobby Shall Be Less.

Ending, the solution rests with us: that 'thank you' is more than rushed words. It Is Necessary.

Remember: **Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good! AND SAY AND MEAN 'Thank You'!**

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini, *F.R.C.N.A., DSME*
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINS: NCNA News and Happenings

2010 Election

These were dutifully elected, or reelected, Harry W. Davis, *President*, Irene Carrillo, *First Vice-President*, Jon-Maria Marish, *Second Vice-President*, Fred G. van den Haak, *Secretary*, and Michael S. Turrini, *Treasurer*. Ballots tabulated that about one third (1/3) of the eligible voting membership cast ballots. There was a question about the need for a ballot and mailed vote, and the response is that both our Association's Bylaws and nearly five decades of practice required the procedure of a mailed vote.

2010 Miller Medal

As our President has reported in his 'President's Message', the 2010 *'Miller Medals'* were bestowed about Irene Carrillo and Harry W. Davis. The actual presentation is pending, and there is a protocol and ethical issue to be resolved, namely the President cannot present the award to himself! In prior presentations either the most senior recipient of the *'Miller Medal'* present at the event or the primary nominator has done the honors. It is anticipated that the actual presentation could be done this December 2010 during the Twenty-Fourth (24th) Annual Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, at Anheuser-Busch Brewery, in Fairfield, California. An updated roster of the *'Miller Award'* would be included with the January 2011 NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

2011 Nor-Cal X Coin Show

Has been scheduled and contracted for the last weekend in July 2011, on **Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, 2010**, at a new venue, **Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, *off either Redwood Street or Tennessee Street at Interstate 80, in* Vallejo, California**. This site was selected due to the opportunity to reserve a year in advance at a most favorable contracted rate giving full and exclusive use to and with the *entire* facility. The site is also only a half mile from the Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, which is being sold and demolished, and convenient to I-80, with ample parking. In addition, this site allows expansion which could not be done at the Vallejo Elks Lodge #559.

This new venue does pose concerns: a new bourse layout needs to be designed and developed, an entry to the public established, and traffic flow coordinated through the entire Veterans Memorial Building; however, it allows room and areas for exhibits, meetings and gatherings, food service, a possible dinner/banquet, including a complete kitchen. Over the next several months, the Board of Directors shall be meeting regularly to resolve these issues and prepare for the 2011 Nor-Cal X Coin Show.

At this point in time, Harry W. Davis is again the Bourse Coordinator, and Bourse Applications should be ready in December 2010.

Updates will be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com.

2010 Nor-Cal IX Coin Show

Preliminary financial summaries, subject to adjustments and audit, tabulate a profit in excess of $3,000.00 earned from our 2010 Nor-Cal IX. Several expenditures have already been expended and posted charged against our 2011 Nor-Cal X Coin Show. Much of the success for this year's Nor-Cal goes to the host Vallejo Numismatic Society that earned a stipend for its effort. Many of its members contributed in the set-up, floor patrol, electrical needs----*which were quite demanding*----Registration Desk, and finally clean-up chores. *Thanks To Vallejo Numismatic Society and Its Members!*

Golden Jubilee

With 2011, our Association commemorates its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, and at the suggestion of a few, a formal Anniversary Banquet is now being proposed, at a venue and site to be determined. One possibility would be in San Jose, California, since the initial founding meetings were held there in June and August 1961. Our new Nor-Cal X Coin Show site could easily handle a formal dinner and event with an attendance over two hundred. *Members Willing To Assist and Comments Are Welcomed.*

Designs for our Golden Jubilee medal are still be sought, and while the Board of Directors has yet to provide design guidelines and a deadline, prior practice ordain *something about or within northern California* and that the years, *1961—2011*, plus wording *Golden Jubilee* be incorporated into the legend. Since time is of the essence, any designs, submitted by and from our members, must be received by January 31, 2011, and be camera-ready and usable to our minter and the diesinker. Send/mail to the Association at its post office box.

NCNA has regularly adhered to issuing a medal every five years since 1971, and this tradition should not be cancelled in our Golden Jubilee year. *Now, How About A Gold Medal? Any Comments?*

Sidebar: The late and revered Ronald Lee 'Ron' Miller (1944-1993) was a strong proponent of a gold medal during our Association's Silver Jubilee back in 1986.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors will gather on ***Sunday,* November 14, 2010, during the Thirty-First (31st) Annual Coin and Collectibles Show of the Peninsula (Palo Alto, California) Coin Club in Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, California.** Information about this Show may be contacted at either 650-498-4158 or fredydh@gmail.com.

The Board will assemble at **1:00 PM in the 'bar room'**, which is to the side of the main entrance. The primary agenda items would be Nor-Cal X Coin Show, the Golden Jubilee, and other matters, including the suggestion of hosting and coordinating an all-day educational activity or event akin to the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) Northern California Educational Symposium.

As reported in the May 2010 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, each Club Member, coin club, may sent a voting Club Delegate to these periodic Board of Directors Meetings. Presently, there are twenty-two (22) Club Members; so, the potential for a much enlarged gathering might happen. Specifics may be inquired at EMPERORI@juno.com or telephoning *707-642-0216*.

Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary NCNA HEADS AND TALES

Along with our Association's own Golden Jubilee, next May 2010 NCNA HEADS AND TALES will be the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary, beginning with Issue #1 in April 1981. In prior major anniversaries, a special wooden dollar was issued, and the thought has been given to doing an elongate on a 1981 Cent or like denomination, while the expense would be significant. *Any Comments?*

Sidebar: There exists in our Association's archives three (3) complete sets of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, and James H. Laird, of Alamo, California, inherited the late Gordon R. Donnell's complete set, hopefully continuing it, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Library should have a complete single set, derived from the O.L. Wallis set, and Edward Sins, once quite active and involved with our Association, may have a complete personal set. *So, Any Others?*

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Hello! One of the values for NCNA HEADS AND TALES, soon for three decades, has been the historic, and heritage, record it has provided and enshrined for organized numismatics around northern California: the names, the events, and the times. The imperative success for this and for the continued service is the timely and regular receipt of newsletters/bulletins and News Releases. While Your Editor, soon three decades 'on the job', no longer does *Around The State* for the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) award-winning quarterly CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST, the aforementioned remains true for NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Regretfully, as one reads, a few local coin clubs have not provided their respective periodical or only one recent issue. Again, an appeal to all northern California local coin clubs: please hard-copy/mail one complimentary issue to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Note:* This would be separate and in addition to whatever copy is mailed/sent as part of Your Editor's membership, since he belongs or should belong, to most all northern California local coin clubs.

Alameda Coin Club Has mailed only one recent issue of its one-page THICK AND THIN TIMES. It was reported that long-time ACC member, **BETTE BARR**, gave a program on collecting one-ounce officially issued silvers, as American Eagles, Chinese Pandas, and Australian issues. **VINCE LACARIERE**, well-known Fremont, California based coin dealer, donated his Show's Silver Eagle "requesting that the coin be the prize in a special drawing [raffle] to benefit the Club. **DONALD R. BARSI** was the winner, with the special drawing earning the Club $37.00." Appreciation is also extended to **DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL** who recorded a recent meeting's Minutes. Information about the ACC can be telephoned to **TOM GESNER** at *253-643-2944.*

California Exonumist Society Gathered on August 29, 2010 in Arcadia, California during the Golden State Coin Show. An impromptu fund-raising auction earned the Society $44.00, and the new 2011-2012 Officers were elected with **LILA ANDERSON**, *President*, **PHIL IVERSEN**, *Vice-President*, **CATHERINE EDGERTON LENKER**, *Secretary*, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, *Treasurer*, who step-down after a record six years as the CES' combination President and Editor. While no formal program had been anticipated, **JAMES W. HUNT**, of San Diego, California, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, in tandem, provided a thought-provoking and informative double-header on the theme of what happens when a coin hobbyist passes away, along the issues in deposing, inheriting, and handling a coin collection estate. Their talk called upon their respective decades of experience and was so well received that it being considered for the CES' next gathering on January 29, 2011 during the San Jose (California) Coin Club's Show, at the DoubleTree Hotel, in downtown San Jose, California. CES commemorates its Golden Jubilee this December 2010, and a special 'wooden dollar slug' is being anticipated. Contacts from past members and other exonumists would be welcomed. Write to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* or e-mail EMPERORI@juno.com.

Cupertino Coin Club Issued a club tee-shirt which features the DeAnza based Club logo; however, there were no sizes to fit Your Editor. Retirement has gained weight! *LOL!* **'KING LYLE', LYLE OKAMOTO**, the Club's combination President and COIN PRESS Editor, has taken his royal personage about and around San Francisco Bay Area local coin club events and activities. His Highness' Royal Visits and Tours are always well-received, particularly if free collectibles and elongates are presented: "on Sunday, August 8, 2010, I went to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds to attend the Santa Clara Count Youth Fair. Although the Fair was a far-cry from its glory days, I really cannot complain. I collected another promotional squishy toy for my collection! The Santa Clara County Water Department had a table where it gave away a squishy toy shaped like a drop of water attached to a key chain . . . In the Exhibition Hall, youth activities abounded . . . Most interesting, however, was an exhibit by a youth in the 12 to 14 age category which consisted of a collection of elongated cents! Most had a Disney motif, but there were a few other types included. Nearby was another exhibit by an older teenager which contained

the youth's coin collection! The exhibit write-up said the youth enjoyed coin collecting and that friends and family would bring back coins form their world travels to give to the youth." **KING LYLE** sought out the two aforementioned youngsters and promptly and properly knighted both and awarded the *'Royal Order of Elongate Enthusiast'*, which *'First Class ranking of the Garter'*. Your Editor visited **KING LYLE's** Kingdom, the Cupertino Coin Club, this past September 10, 2010 for the Kingdom's Annual September Fest, and its famous Togo's Sandwiches. The Club's----*oops, Kingdom's*----Annual Beauty and Beast Contest in the Show 'n Tells were claimed by **ALVIN H. W. LO**. *Sidebar*: NCNAers are welcomed to inquire if Your Editor's eyesight or his comprehension or even teaching credentials are in question. Inquiries can be directed **KENNETH J. BARR**, who would happily respond as to this.

Delta Coin Club The highlight for the Delta Coin Club these past few months was the Club's July 25, 2010 Annual Picnic, again at Lodi's California Micki Grove Park. A nice attendance was present, including the Presidents of the Northern California Numismatic Association, **HARRY W. DAVIS**, and of the California State Numismatic Association and California Exonumist Society, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, and many DCC members, for the Picnic was a surprised Birthday Party for **SYDNEY M. KASS, SYD** to his many friends and family, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. The Club had a special cake, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** and noted national coin dealer **FRED WEINBERG** donated to the costs, and a special banner celebrating **SYD** was displayed for all to sign. Snapshots were taken, wooden dollars distributed, and remembrances shared. To add to the good news for **SYD**, he won the Picnic's Bingo Black-Out Game with $30.00! The traditional Egg-Toss went to the team of **ALLEN and LORI MERILLES**, and the Pennies-In-The-Jar was claimed by **CELENA LOHAN**. The real happiness for this event was **SYD's** family attended, and he was completely shocked and in surprised, not even his wife of sixty-plus (60+) years, **MARY**, gave him even a hint. Equally, **FRED WEINBERG** provided a special keep sake, freely distributed, and sent greetings, crediting **SYD** as his primary mentor. Finally, for the first-time ever, **DALE OLSON** and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** did the barbecue honors, giving **SYD** a rest on his special day! ***Happy B-Day, Syd!***

Diablo Numismatic Society The DNS August 19, 2010 was 'Other Hobbies Night', with **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** and his Cheese Graters, **ROBERT E. LUNA**, Doolittle Raid and World War II, **BRUCE BERMAN**, Fly-Fishing Lures, JIM DOYLE with Swedish Club, **LYLE OKAMOTO**, Squishy Toys, **MICHAEL JORDAN**, World's Columbian Exposition, **KAREN STEPHENSON**, Egyptian Sculptures, and **GLENN STEPHENSON**, Fossils. Earlier, the DNS had its Annual Picnic, with an attendance of thirty-five (35), on July 18, 2010, at Oak Hill Park in Danville, California. The recent September 16, 2010 meeting was the Society's 'Annual Ready For The Show' gathering with post cards to address and label and coins to insert. Two companies of members worked and were rewarded with pizza and drinks. **STEVE MCCLURE,** who is the DNS' DIABLO DIE-BREAK Editor, has been recovering from his recent bad spell and crippling leg pain and has been again active and present at DNS events and meetings. ***Continuing Good Health,* STEVE!**

Fairfield Coin Club Heard **PHYLLIS MALAKY** from the Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society present a friendly and folksy program about gems, jewelry, lapidary, rock-collecting at the FCC's September 22, 2010 meeting. Her program sparked questions, and she shared similarities between numismatics and rock hounds, including the universal need to 10x magnifiers. This meeting was the Club's Hot-Dog Night with **ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR.**, and **WILLIAM F BARTZ** doing the cooking honors in the kitchen. Earlier, the Club enjoyed its 2010 Coin Show, and many thanks go to numerous FCC members who contributed. Also, on Saturday, September 11, 2010, the FCC joined its neighbors, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, with their Joint Picnic in Benicia, California's City Park, with **ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR.,** also doing the cooking honors! **BOB** *Is A Busy Cook!* **BOB** is a spark-plug member: not only does he cook regularly he handles the meeting refreshments for both the FCC and the Vallejo Numismatic Society. **WILSON RAY** continues to coordinate a popular and well-attended

Youth Program at the Club's monthly meetings, with youth members attending the recent FCC's Show helping and earning Kid Bucks.

Fresno Numismatic Society Heard its President **KEN RICHERT** at its August 10, 2010 meeting on War Nickels: "he gave an eloquent, precise to the point but very informative and insightful history of the Jefferson Nickels that were known as 'War Nickels'. Minted during 1942—1945, the nickel metal was substituted for silver as nickel was a critical War material. **KEN** gave us a real good presentation on the subject." Earlier at the July 13, 2010 meeting, Past President **JAMES OBLER** "enlightened us on the art of grading points of AU and BU coins, what to look for to distinguish the difference between the two. The program was the usual high caliber quality that **JAMES** delivers with all programs that he does. **JAMES** gives at least one program each year, and it seems each year that he out does the last. With a slide show presentation and excellent narration, he pointed out what to look for and where to tell apart BU from AU coins . . . **JAMES** deserves a coffee mug for this one." **RANDY CLIFTON** continues as the FRESNO NUMISMATIST Editor and his folksy style of reporting. **RANDY**, incidentally, has a passion for Carson City Mint coinage.

Fremont Coin Club Going from **RANDY CLIFTON's** passion for the Carson City Mint, 'CC-Mint', at the FCC's August 24, 2010 meeting, noted and esteemed numismatic researchers, authors, and devoted advocates for the 'S-Mint', San Francisco, California's famed 'Granite Lady', **RICHARD KELLY and NANCY OLIVER** spoke on *'A Twisted Tale of Cover-Up and Deceit'*. Their story revolved around theft of gold coinage from S-Mint, which resulted in an acquittal but also a suicide and accusations. Noted for their intense primary researching via the National Archives and several books, **RICHARD and NANCY** again enthralled the FCC. At the recent July 2010 Fremont Coin Club's Show, exhibit winners were **GARY ACQUISTAPACE**, *First*, **KRIS MARTIN**, *Second*, **WANDA JOHNSON**, *Third*, and **RAM SETHI**, *Junior First Place*. FCC presents engraved uniface silver medals to all its Show Exhibitors. Speaking of the Show, one of the long-time stalwarts of the Club and its Annual Show, **JIM BARTON**, was unable, for the first-time, to attend and to assist, having broken his leg in New York, on a trip. Going back to the FCC's July 27, 2010 meeting, **HERBERT MILES**, noted and respected numismatist from Richmond, California, spoke on *'Tokens and Ephemera of Richmond, California'*: **HERB** shared his vision of Richmond through his collection of tokes. Since Richmond was incorporated in 1905, all tokens date from the Twentieth (20th) Century. **HERB** estimates that he has around one hundred (100) of the approximately one hundred eighty (180) Richmond tokens which exist." *Special Note:* The FCC's 2010 Coin Show has been rescheduled to ***July 23 and 24, 2011***.

Liberty Numismatic Society Was graced with two California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Presidents at its September 15, 2010: Past President **DAVID W. LANGE**, who was visiting from his Florida home, and current President **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, who had been 'at the beach' earlier in the day. **DAVID** spoke on updates and changes with slabbed coins, and specifically NGC, Numismatic Guarantee Corporation. He noted that this year the slabbing of coins is now twenty-five (25) years, and even the slabs are now being collected, with certain types already rare. He shared some personal stories and anecdotes of his work with NGC and renewed old friendships with LNS, being a *'Fellow'*. **MICHAEL** shared his show 'n tell and his tales 'at the beach'. At this same meeting, another long-time LNS member visited, **EDGAR D. FULWIDER**, making time in his constant travels for the United State Marines. LNS President **BILL HURJA** spoke recently on *'Authenticating 1916D Mercury Dimes'*: he explained "the die diagnostics and other features that signify an authentic 1916-D Mercury Dime. In addition to pointing out that not all fakes of this key date dime are of recent manufacture. **BILL** advised that when not sure whether an example is counterfeit it is better to avoid buying."

Livermore Valley Coin Club Writes that its next Officers, for the next two years, are **PHIL FLESCHER**, *President*, **RANDY MASKER**, *Vice-President*, **GEOFF CAMPELL**, *Treasurer*, **TOM WALLACE**, *Secretary*, **KURT SMISTIK**, Sergeant At Arms, **STEVE KRAMER**, Coin Show

Coordinator, with Board Members, **JAMES LAIRD** and **CHUCK WHITE**. It was reported that **CHUCK** won the Grand Prize in a recent LVCC meeting drawing of fifteen (15) Morgan Dollars! The Club's Annual Picnic last June 19, 2010 was credited with success to the contributions of **SHARON KRAMER, SEAN KRAMER, HARRY W. DAVIS, IRENE CARILLO, TERRY GARNER, JASON** and **STEPHANIE WEBB**, and **THELMA DRAPER**, with special thanks to primary chef, **RANDY MASKER**, with 'may you never burn your buns'! It was reported on Face Book and through Twitter that **STEVE KRAMER** beat-out **IRENE CARRILLO** in the Club's famous Slab Toss.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Held its Annual Banquet last June 19, 2010, which conflicted with the aforementioned Livermore Valley Coin Club's Annual Picnic, at Golden Mirror Restaurant deep in the Sunset District of San Francisco, California. A nice crowd enjoyed the venue and the return to an evening event: "conversations were lively, drinks flowed freely, and bingo was played after the dinner!" Thanks to the self-anointed Bingo-Master **HERBERT MILES** who again directed 'PCNS Bingo', which is a distinct and unique form of bingo and playing bingo with rules and regulations that require a rabbi and cardinal to explain, a riot and revolt was avoided among the multiple winners and players. One of the heritages of a PCNS Annual Banquet, along with the chance to renew old friendships and enjoy an evening of fellowship is the wearing of informal Hawaiian shirts. At the August 25, 2010 meeting, **BILL HYDER** spoke on '*The 1898 California Golden Jubilee*'. Among the least known and studied celebrations plus fairs and expositions here in California, this event honored California at its Golden Jubilee, Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, which resulted in "a plethora of badges, tokens, and other exonumia celebrating this anniversary." The event had a major parade down San Francisco, California's main Market Street with "14,000 strong marching from Kearney and Market Street down Market through a Grand Arch at Powell and Market. Marching were the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, the Irish Brigade, the Chinese Celestials', and many others. Badges, medals, pin backs, ribbons, and other items were produced and sold at the parade and later."

Special Request: Could both PCNS and LVCC try to avoid another conflict in 2011, as the late **GORDON R. DONNELL** would complain about missing one for the other! And, Your Editor would have liked to attend both, too! Please! *LOL!*

Peninsula Coin Club PCC thanks member **TOM CASCONE** who arranged a temporary meeting site for the Summer Vacation months at Palo Alto, California's Red Cross. The PCC September 13, 2010 meeting held a popular coin grading discussion on the Mercury Dime. The PCC is scheduling meetings with a specific coin and asks all attendees to bring samples and grading guides to an open roundtable discussion and exchange. These PCC programs have become quite popular and educating.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Had a special program at the RECC's June 9, 2010 meeting: 'Father's Day Memories'. Since the RECC monthly newsletter has a recent policy change about reporting full names, Your Editor could only identify one Show 'n Teller, **CHARLES CATLITT** and his quite personal remembrance: "**CHARLIE** first coins were worn Liberty Nickels given him by his father, earned for catching gophers on the old family ranch in Santa Barbara. His grandfather was a successful rancher, who once loaned a special plowing attachment to a neighbor, and never got it back. In trying to get either the equipment back or be paid for it, the neighbor grudging gave grandfather a Five Dollar Half Eagle, and said he would pay the rest of it at the end of the month. Unfortunately, an earthquake leveled eighty percent (80%) of Santa Barbara the next day on June 25, 1925 and that neighbor was never seen again. But the Half Eagle was kept, and not being turned over to the Federal Government in 1933. It eventually was given to my father and then handed down to me (**CHARLIE**). That 1899S Half Eagle will one day belong to my son." Additional information as well as the RECC's monthly newsletter can be learned at www.redwoodempirecoinclub.com.

Reno Coin Club Our neighbors in The Silver State have been active. Their monthly RENO CARTWHEEL in it July 2010 issue had a short commentary about 'Survival Rate of Proof United States Gold Coinage': "a good rule of thumb it is a safe assumption that around half of the original mintage figure for a specific issue of proof gold is known. In other words, if the original mintage of an 1876 Gold Dollar is forty-five (45) coins, it is likely that twenty to twenty-five (20-25) are known today. Survival factors include that gold coins, including proofs were often sold during hard times, especially the larger denominations. Small coins ten to survive better, but the Eagle and Double Eagle were the most popular coins. Hoarding improved survival rates, but the Mint often melted down unsold Proofs." If you learned something from this short reference, the August 2010 RENO CARTWHEEL had an extended article about the Coins of Bulgaria!

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Reported Sad News, the passing of devoted member **LOU JURICICH** last August: "**LOU** had been one of the Club's strongest and most charitable supporters. For many years, **LOU** donated handmade cakes to our Annual Installation Dinners. Recently, **LOU** donated many hundreds of dollars worth of coins and other numismatic items to our Young Numismatist Program. **LOU**, at his own expense, produced fliers twice a year for our Club's two Shows. He produced Club Member name tags, our annual Club events calendar, materials for our Club Table and a twenty-five (25) page three ring binder New Member Packet that has been well-received by all of our members. In January 2010, **LOU** was awarded by the Board of Directors an Honorary Lifetime Membership for his many contributions. **LOU** will be much missed by those who knew him and the Club." ***RIP,* LOU**. In the September 2010 August SVCC NEWSLETTER, **BOB SHANKS**, current SVCC President, has begun a series on 'A Type Coin Collection', with the opening premise that "collectors have discovered type collecting as a reasonable and more affordable alternative to collecting specific sets, as Morgan Dollars or Indian Head Cents, due to the very high prices that certain rare coins, by date and mint marks, within that set will cost in order to complete that set." He noted that "type collecting can be enjoyed at any grade level" and "type collecting can be enjoyed at any price level." His initial short article ends: "the possibilities and paths to creating your type collection are endless, and it is unlikely that someone else will create the same set that you will. Yours will be unique."

San Francisco Coin Club When NCNAers receive and read this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, the SFCC will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Founded on October 21, 1960 and one a Club that hosted, and co-hosted, several California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) as well as had several CSNA Presidents its Presidents and sponsored for decades its popular Coin Fairs (coin show) at the long closed Cathedral Hill Hotel, SFCC manages now with a few devoted members. The Club to honor its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary is having a rolled coin, elongate, done on Half Dollars by noted roller **ODED PAZ**. As mentioned before, contacts from former SFCC members would be welcomed. Email EMPERORI@juno.com. The SFCC does have an active Show 'n Tell participation at its monthly Fourth Friday meetings; this past September 24, 2010 meeting had **JACK G. TRAD** had a long-out-of-print book on railroading, found at a garage sale for $1.00, **BILL HUGHES** had a jar of Canadian coins, all given to him by fellow parishioners at his church, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** had a full higher circulated graded Buffalo Five Cent collection.

San Jose Coin Club Has a new Editor for its monthly TODO DINERO, **ALLISON PAKER**, who is the Club's Corresponding Secretary: she "plans to keep the layout almost the same and still share all upcoming events with you. She has big shoes to fill but hopes everyone will still enjoy the newsletter." She is replacing retiring **RAY and SALLY JOHNSON**, who had decided "it was time to move on." The SJCC had *'Other Hobbies Night'* at its August 11, 2010 meeting: "Outdoor hobbyists, **ALLISON PAKER** and **BILL HURJA** both hike, and **RYAN JOHNSON** mountain bikes. **LARRY BENSON** enjoys outdoors by growing vegetables [*Note:* Your Editor knows he grew-up in Modesto, California and often spent time at Your Editor's uncle ranch, thus, the passion for gardening.] **ED SINS** had memorabilia from the Alma Golf Course while **BRIAN DANIELS** brought a rare 1887 Kimballs Sports

Set. Both **RICHARD SHUSTERMAN** and **DON PANNELL** had Boy Scout Patches to share. **STEVE LOOIJ** spoke of classic Atari Video Games, **GORDON STUBBS** had some autographed books, and **EUGENE MIRABELLA** collects a bit of everything! **MICHAEL and LAUREN SHUSTERMAN** both perform musicals at school. **KEITH SCOTT** has a percussion pistol he has been making. Both **LYLE OKAMOTO** [*Note:* **KING LYLE** of the Cupertino Coin Club.] report receiving additions to their collection after speaking about those." The September 8, 2010 meeting heard **CHUCK CALL**, current President of the neighboring Fremont Coin Club, speak on *'North American Silver Bullion'*.

Solano Silver Round Club Always a highlight of monthly SSRC meetings are the Show 'n Tells: "**JAN D. HENKE** brought to us a complete set of TAMS [Token and Medal Society] medals minus the 2008—2009 as he could not locate those. In 1961, the Token and Obsolete Paper Money Society was formed and in 1964, it changed the name to Token and Medals Society. 2010 was the last year TAMS made a medal, a two ounce silver nickel with a mintage of thirty-five (35). **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER** showed a 1993 commemorative fro Sam's Town and the owner, Sam Boyd, 1910—1993, and a Wagner College, on Staten Island, New York, 1883—1993 silver round. **JON-MARIA MARISH** [who is the SSRC's current President] shared with us two 2009 Lunar Series Bull and Horse medals."

Stanislaus County Coin Club SCCC President **AARON BROWN**, in his appeal for nominations to the Club's Officers, did credit the Club's August 1, 2010 Annual Picnic: "I think we can safely assume an unanimous vote in favor of this year's Club Picnic. Thanks always to **ROBERT SAMUEL** for being the grill master, to eminent numismatist and Italian Soda specialist **L. RANDAL SOLOMON**, and to **HAL DEBOARD,** the wizard of bingo. My appeals to the bingo gods continued to go unanswered. It seems the voice of the common man falls on deaf ears. Maybe I need to get **HAL** to lobby them for me." It was reported that thirty-eight (38) members and guests "enjoyed the weather, each other's company, wonderful food, and, of course, bingo." **HAL DEBOARD** was again the Club's Picnic Coordinator with **ROB SAMUEL** and **PATTY PARMLEY** as the Master Chefs.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Joined its neighbors the Fairfield Coin Club for their Annual Joint Picnic this past September 11, 2010, as reported previously. The VNS' September 1, 2010 was 'Other Hobbies Night II' plus 'Pork and Bean Potluck Special'. The participants were: **CLAUDIA GARDNER**, with a miniature and working Singer Sewing Machine, **CHARLES GARDNER**, miniature liquor bottles, won as a keno prize in 1970 in Reno, Nevada, and still sealed, **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER**, pencils, **JON-MARIA MARISH**, art work, lighthouses in Maine, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, World War II Home Front, **TIM KLIEN,** insects and bugs, all dead and mounted, **LLOYD G. CHAN**, seals, both in Chinese and corporations, **LOTTE SATHER**, folk art, **ROBERT G. SATHER**, rubber duckies [Yes, *Readers: Rubber Duckies! He stated that he has those for his grand children baths. Hum?*] **JOHN R. RUSSELL, JR**., metal detecting, **MICHAEL JORDAN**, Queen Victoria Jubilee stamps and coin issues, **ROBERT E. LUNA**, World War II, **HARRY W. DAVIS**, buses, and **KATHLEEN** ***nee NANCY*** **WALSH**, table cigarette lighters, and she does not smoke! The 'Pork and Beans' segment of this meeting was cooked by the members and **IRENE CARRILLO** did the pork and beans. **JON-MARIA** MARISH contributed her famous corn bread. Thanks to these VNS members, on September 14, 2010, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Library was, at last, placed on the shelves and made usable, being removed from some fifty (50+) plus cardboard boxes: **MICHAEL BUTLER, DONALD L. HILL, ROBERT E. LUNA**, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, who is the CSNA's designated Librarian. Special thanks also is acknowledged to **LLOYD G. CHAN**, who provided and drove the large van, on June 24,2010 to transfer the Library from Fresno, California to its new public assessable location in Vallejo, California. *Note:* **LLOYD** is the Webmaster also for our www.solanocoinclub.org. Going back to the July 7, 2010 VNS meeting was Bingo, and also 'Hot-Dog Night' that Your Editor effectively over-cooked the Casper 'dogs; those were ***well-done!*** Equally, never play a bingo game trying to do a 'Z'!

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Museum Executive Director and Co-Host: **James E. Kern**

Presenters and Topics

Robert E. Luna, *Benicia, California*

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Canadian Gold Geologist and Numismatic Enthusiast Excites 'All That Is Gold'!

'Gold: More Than Nuggets and Double Eagles'

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'Mare Island: Medallions and More'

Directions: To reach the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, drive I-80 to Vallejo, California. Take the Georgia Street Exit **WEST**. Drive west about two miles to downtown Vallejo, and turn **RIGHT** at Sonoma Blvd., Highway 29. Drive **NORTH** two blocks and turn **LEFT** at Capital Street. Museum is one block **WEST** on the left at the corner of Marin and Capital. Parking is located on the street and behind the Museum. *Note:* On Saturday mornings, there is a 'farmers' market' in downtown Vallejo.

Food Service: A luncheon, in the Museum's 'Hall of History', is planned. Other eateries are within walking distance.

Information: Write To: *'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428'*. Telephone: *707-246-6327*. Email: EMPERORI@juno.com. Museum: *707-643-0077* with Email at valmuse@pacbell.net. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com.

Lodging: Write to above post office box for information about local motels.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

Oct. 3, 2010	SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, P.O. Box 232, Auburn, Ca. 95604. Ph. 530-885-9050 or E Mail: gcce@att.net Admission $2, under 18 free.
Oct. 9-10, 2010	CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society 14th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue at Diamond Boulevard, just off Freeway 680 in Concord. Bourse: Bill Green (925) 351-7605. e mail:greenwj@aol.com (Admission $3).
Oct. 16-7, 2010	STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club 46TH Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Attendance: Free. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205. Ph: (209) 982-5961, e mail:rubensmith@hotmail.com
Oct. 23, 2010	VALLEJO. CSNA Northern California Numismatic Assoc. 'Coin Collectors' Retreat', Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration begins at 9AM with the programs starting at 10AM. Admission: Free. Inquiries: P.O. Box 4281 Vallejo, Ca 94590-0428. E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com or Check: www.solanocoinclub.com
Nov. 14, 2010	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 31st Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Mar. 11-3, 2011	SACRAMENTO. "2011" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner, P.O. Box 194271, San Francisco, Ca., 94119-4271 Phone: (415) 928-4469; e mail: mf_wehner@yahoo.com website: http://www.exonumia.homestead.com

May 1, 2011	VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 39th Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPORORI@juno.com.
July 30-31, 2011	**VALLEJO**. Nor-Cal X Coin Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, Ca. Open Saturday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPORORI@juno.com.
Oct. 30, 2011	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 32nd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Nov. 4, 2012	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com